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LICENSED ANGLERS IN THE UNITED STATES NUMBERED 7,858,275 IN 1938-1939.

During 1938-39 there were 7,858,275 sport fishing licenses and combination hunting and fishing licenses issued to men, women, and children in the United States.

Of this number, according to tabulations released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, 5,481,376 were limited to fishing, while 2,376,899 included both hunting and fishing.

The total revenue from the sale of fishing licenses amounted to \$10,837,168.28. New York State, with \$1,151,687.63, led all other States in the amount of revenue received from the sale of fishing licenses; California was second with \$746,142; Pennsylvania, third, with \$614,734.25; Michigan, fourth, with \$613,526; and Indiana, fifth, with \$567,496.49.

Of the 7,858,275 fishing licenses sold during 1938-39, 7,111,545 were purchased by residents and 746,730 by nonresidents. Tourist fishing licenses numbered 294,246 in the thirty-four States where these are required; and more than 16,000 licenses were sold to children, and approximately 220,000 to women in those States where women and children are issued special licenses.

There were 422,098 more fishing licenses sold in 1938-39 than in 1937-38, and \$616,380.55 more paid to the States for license fees by the same comparison.

The money collected from the sale of fishing licenses by the 48 States does not necessarily indicate the States issuing the most licenses--Michigan, while fourth in the amount of revenue collected from their sale, for example, was first in the number of fishing licenses issued.

Of the big five--so far as the number of fishing licenses issued is concerned--Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, New York, and Indiana, the latter was the only State that retained its position in the number of licenses issued and revenue received therefrom.

While Nevada issued fewer licenses than any other State, North Dakota received less in revenue.

Approximately 30 States collected more than \$100,000 in fishing license fees.

The 7,858,275 licensed anglers do not include all the anglers in the United States. There are undoubtedly 4,000,000 men, women, and children in the United States who are exempt from license requirements; and in the past year there were probably 12,000,000 who experienced the strike or the running line, and many of these millions have heard "the sing of the reel."

The following table shows the number of fishing licenses issued by States, and the revenues therefrom for 1938-39 and 1937-38:

UNITED STATES
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ANGLERS' LICENSES ISSUED AND REVENUE RECEIVED THEREFROM, BY STATES,
1938-39 AND 1937-38.1/

State	1938-39			1937-38		
	Year	Licenses issued	Revenue	Year	Licenses issued	Revenue
Alabama	1938-39	27,942	\$31,551.00 gross	1937-38	20,798	\$22,881.00 gross
Arizona	1939	23,078	56,718.00 gross	1938	19,251	55,729.25 gross
Arkansas	1939	38,899	64,682.10 net	1937-38	27,162	39,616.20 net
California	1939	368,195	746,142.00 gross	1938-39	375,747	760,445.00 net
Colorado	1939	145,370	233,053.10 net	1938	109,375	204,422.25 net
Connecticut	1939	35,733	103,553.00 net	1938	37,058	128,207.30 net
Delaware	1939	2,934	6,167.50 gross	1938-39	2,895	6,037.65 net
Florida	1939-40	30,459	77,035.00 net	1938-39	28,285	67,517.50 net
Georgia	1939-40	35,641	45,183.75 net	1937-38	23,233	29,457.25 gross
Idaho	1939	110,890	225,894.80 net	1938	98,852	202,366.15 net
Illinois	1939	411,566	314,772.50 net	1938-39	388,536	258,155.40 net
Indiana	1939-40	456,739	567,496.49 net	1937-38	447,560	474,984.59 net
Iowa	1939-40	202,165	245,322.50 gross	1938-39	166,530	201,067.00 gross
Kansas	1939-40	104,335	104,883.00 gross	1938	89,219	89,757.00 net
Kentucky	1938	75,025	66,184.25 net	1937	68,886	60,349.55 net
Louisiana	1939	23,460	32,200.00 gross	1938	19,227	27,431.00 net
Maine	1939	120,762	197,101.04 net	1938	123,208	197,552.50 net
Maryland	1939	24,486	29,126.07 net	1938	25,040	29,423.43 net
Massachusetts	1938-39	116,735	227,217.75 net	1937-38	116,551	226,023.75 net
Michigan	1939	858,362	613,526.00 net	1938	855,037	601,086.50 gross

1/ The figures shown under the various headings are furnished by the States and the Service is not responsible for their accuracy.

State	1938-39			1937-38		
	Year	Licenses issued	Revenue	Year	Licenses issued	Revenue
Minnesota	1939	691,688	\$527,951.70 net	1937	609,976	\$499,109.40 net
Mississippi	1939-40	18,249	24,496.00 net	1938-39	6,326	8,971.00 net
Missouri	1939	309,423	421,992.50 gross	1938	283,742	381,466.40 -
Montana	1939	95,841	199,449.50 gross	1937-38	86,889	172,438.50 net
Nebraska	1939	162,182	163,857.00 gross	1938	151,341	152,818.80 net
Nevada	1939	11,923	18,507.50 gross	1938	10,178	15,951.00 net
New Hampshire	1939	73,754	209,009.55 net	1938	75,025	210,714.35 net
New Jersey	1939	71,992	190,987.00 net	1938	73,638	194,309.00 net
New Mexico	1939-40	33,901	91,691.50 gross	1938-39	32,643	87,679.50 gross
New York	1939	544,768	1,151,687.63 gross	1938-39	545,046	1,149,356.48 net
North Carolina	1939	53,851	98,013.00 gross	1938	49,784	59,095.50 net
North Dakota	1939	16,019	8,067.00 gross	1938	14,932	7,466.00 gross
Ohio	1939	627,972	318,756.50 net	1938	634,502	321,948.00 -
Oklahoma	1939	123,740	126,158.75 gross	1938	119,263	123,778.50 gross
Oregon	1939	104,024	337,713.00 gross	1938	107,469	322,179.00 net
Pennsylvania	1939	403,008	614,734.25 net	1938	401,770	613,477.55 net
Rhode Island	1939	12,988	14,001.30 net	1938	12,757	14,315.05 net
South Carolina	1939-40	13,593	15,501.00 net	1938-39	11,024	12,332.00 net
South Dakota	1939-40	55,067	56,429.00 gross	1936-37	31,070	31,590.00 gross
Tennessee	1939-40	116,670	184,067.80 net	1938-39	101,272	167,846.02 net
Texas	1939-40	94,725	87,234.25 net	1938-39	81,850	151,857.00 -
Utah	1939	52,265	116,338.00 net	1938	47,208	105,034.70 net
Vermont	1938-39	69,672	109,805.45 net	1937-38	85,793	106,195.80 net
Virginia	1938-39	135,402	232,234.00 gross	1937-38	119,295	206,280.50 gross
Washington	1939	210,423	509,134.00 net	1939	205,447	490,241.00 net
West Virginia	1939-40	157,223	319,749.85 net	1938-39	164,763	334,939.35 net
Wisconsin	1939-40	318,953	518,460.90 net	1938	266,072	490,563.96 net
Wyoming	1939	66,183	183,330.50 gross	1938	64,652	106,323.00 net
TOTAL		7,858,275	\$10,837,168.28		7,436,177	\$10,220,787.73